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From the Division of Public Health Sciences, Department of Surgery
Graham A. Colditz, MD, DrPH, *Chief*

Still separate, still unequal: Social determinants of playground safety and proximity disparities in St. Louis



| Health Disparities Research |
Cassandra Arroyo-Johnson, PhD; Melody Goodman, PhD; et al.
Published in *The Journal of Urban Health*
[PubMed](#) | [Arroyo-Johnson Profile](#) | [Goodman Profile](#)

A randomized controlled trial of directive and nondirective smoking cessation coaching through an employee quitline



| Chronic Disease Prevention Research |
Yan Yan, MD, PhD; et al.
Published in *BMC Public Health*
[PubMed](#) | [Yan Profile](#)

Examining interpretations of graphic cigarette warning labels in US youths and adults



| Social and Behavioral Science Research |
Erika Waters, PhD, MPH; et al.
Published in *Journal the Health Communication*
[PubMed](#) | [Waters Profile](#)

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Division News Briefs

- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Melody Goodman, PhD](#), on her **three-year, \$1 million Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) award**, [Developing and Validating Quantitative Measures to Access Community Engagement in Research](#). Dr. Goodman is the primary investigator and will focus on validating, testing, and implementing a survey tool to assess the level of stakeholder engagement in patient-centered outcomes research and comparative effectiveness research studies. Read the [news announcement](#).
- The Division of Public Health Sciences congratulates [Mary Politi, PhD](#), on her recent **three-year PCORI subcontract award**, [Comparative Effectiveness of Encounter Decision Aids for Early-Stage Breast Cancer across Socioeconomic Strata](#). Dr. Politi will examine how to support women of lower socioeconomic status with early-stage breast cancer through their treatment decisions. Read the [news announcement](#).
- [Mary Politi, PhD](#), also received funding for a **one-year pilot project in partnership with Southern Illinois University School of Medicine**. Dr. Politi's project, Supporting Decisions About Cancer Clinical Trials in



ABOUT US

This newsletter provides a select summary of research news from the Division of Public Health Sciences.

We are a team of researchers and clinicians dedicated to preventing disease, improving health outcomes, and promoting quality and access to health care.

The Division of Public Health Sciences is part of the [Department of Surgery](#).

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Rural Cancer Centers, will expand on previous knowledge of shared decision making tools developed to support decisions about clinical trial participation, bringing an evidence-based research tool to rural communities. Dr. Politi's pilot study is part of a [P20 grant studying rural cancer disparities](#). The Division congratulates her on this award. Read the [new announcement](#).

- The Division of Public Health Sciences encourages faculty and staff to apply for the **upcoming [Communicating Science Workshop](#)** hosted by Washington University and the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. The free workshop will **help researchers learn how to convey findings to the general public**. DPHS faculty [Aimee James, PhD, MPH](#), and [Erika Waters, PhD, MPH](#), are among the WUSM presenters.
- Listen to July's [Health Beyond Barriers podcast](#) discussing **breast health screening guidelines and the importance of prevention**. This podcast was written by [Rebecca Lobb, ScD, MPH](#), and Julia Maki, PhD.
- **Media Notes:** 1) [Elizabeth \(Betsy\) Odom, MD](#), and [Jennifer Yu, MD, MPH](#), were featured on [Cancer News in Context](#) for their blog about the genetic risk of breast cancer and patient options. 2) [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), recently published a perspective piece in [Public Health Research and Practice](#) on the importance of the Nurses' Health Study and cohort studies. His article was promoted via [EurekAlert!](#) 3) [Mary Politi, PhD](#), recently published a [policy brief with the Institute for Public Health at Washington University](#) regarding smokers' choice to forgo health insurance with higher cigarette taxes. 4) A recent editorial co-authored by [Graham Colditz, MD, DrPH](#), [Lannis Hall, MD](#), and [Arnold Bullock, MD](#), in [The New York Times](#) discussed the importance of prevention for men and prostate cancer. Their editorial was also cited in a [Huffington Post article](#).

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